



# Board of Commissioners of Cook County

118 North Clark Street  
Chicago, IL

## Legislation Text

---

**File #:** 14-3662, **Version:** 1

---

### **PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

#### **HONORING OAK PARK RIVER FOREST HIGH SCHOOL COACHING STAFF, STUDENTS AND FAMILIES FOR THEIR VOLUNTEERISM AND SUPPORT FOR WASHINGTON, ILLINOIS ON NOVEMBER 24, 2013**

**WHEREAS**, On November 17<sup>th</sup> a devastating tornado touched down in the town of Washington, Illinois, 150 miles southwest of Chicago; and

**WHEREAS**, The tornado brought winds between 170 and 190 miles per hour and cut a path of destruction approximately 3 1/2 miles long causing \$800 million in damages, injuring more than 200 people and claiming 3 lives; and

**WHEREAS**, The Oak Park and River Forest High School Huskie Wrestling program began collecting donations, food and clothing to give to the families in Washington; and

**WHEREAS**, On November 24<sup>th</sup>, 100 members of the Huskie Wrestling program, including 80 students, descended on Washington; and

**WHEREAS**, Coaches, students and their families helped the recovery of residents' personal items, pictures and keepsakes from 1,110 damaged or destroyed homes; and

**WHEREAS**, The Huskie Wrestling program showed true teamwork, dedication and commitment to community by putting aside their needs and putting others first; and

**WHEREAS**, The Huskie Wrestling program has created a family-like bond with the Washington Wrestling program;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the President and Members of the Cook County Board of Commissioners do hereby recognize and honor all the Oak Park and River Forest High School volunteers involved in this effort for their display of unity and selflessness in the aftermath of a devastating event.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the President and Members of the Cook County Board of Commissioners expresses immeasurable gratitude to all volunteers involved in this incident for their remarkable courage and honor which has contributed to enhancing the spirit of community-orientated recovery efforts within our local jurisdictions, Cook County and our region.